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## AMERICAN ADVENTURE WORLD

**A**s reported in the last issue, the American Adventure theme park in Ilkeston, Derbyshire could soon become the UK's answer to Disneyland. The park has recently been sold by Granada Entertainment to a business consortium named Venture World. The consortium includes former Alton Towers supremo John Broome and Trevor Hemmings, former Chairman of the Pontins Group. The new owners made a promise on February 15th that they intend to

commence with a seven figure investment programme that will result in the park becoming a serious rival to nearby Alton Towers. Their big plans for the park include boosting the crowds from an average 600,000 guests per year to over two million. This will mean investing millions of pounds in new rides, with the intention of being the best in Europe. This month the park will be relaunched as American Adventure World.

Advice on how to make the park an International Attraction is being given by consultants who have worked on Disney parks and Universal Studios. The Venture World consortium was formed specifically to buy American Adventure. Former owners Granada will now concentrate on their Manchester Studios attraction and also seek a location in the South of England for a second Studios style park.

### New £15 million Coaster for UK

Planning permission for what will be Europe's longest coaster was granted by East Lindsey District Council on February 13th.

Blue Anchor Leisure Ltd, owners of Fantasy Island at Ingoldmells are to install the £15 million coaster as the company's flagship attraction.

The coaster will be over 7,500 feet long and will feature a number of 70 foot diameter loops. The ride will travel around the perimeter of the 28 acre site.

Provisionally named the Millennium Roller Coaster, this £15 million investment will far exceed that of the £5 million giant ferris wheel being built for the millennium on the banks of the River Thames in London.



John Woodward, Founder, Chairman and sole Shareholder of Blue Anchor Leisure Ltd, points out that the ride will be totally privately funded by the company without any outside grant or funding. Unlike the ferris wheel which is being built with millennium funding. The park opened in May 1995 and since then has attracted over 7.5 million visitors. The whole development has been funded privately to a tune of £50 million. The opening of the record breaking coaster in 1999 will be a spectacular high profile event to mark the start of millennium celebrations at Fantasy Island. As yet no manufacturer has been announced, but rumours at the moment suggest Dutch company, Vekoma.

### NEW SPANISH THEME PARK

Four theme-park operators are in the running to open a new park on a site in the Valencia region of Spain.

Paramount Pictures, Universal Studios, Warner Brothers and Six Flags are all in negotiations to build on the site between Benidorm and Alicante.

Early reports that Walt Disney Attractions were also interested in the site have been dismissed as Disney are unable to do anything else in Europe until 2005 due to an 'Exclusivity in Europe' deal with Disneyland Paris.

It is intended that the new park will be open all year round, unlike Port Aventura, Spain's main theme park, which is open between March and October.



# Track Talk

## News from around the world



### Europe

- ☺ Disneyland Paris has shown record attendances for the 1996 season. A total of 11.7 million people visited, up 9% on the previous year. The parks net income also rose and was up by 77% from £13.5 million to £24 million. Chief Operating officer Gilles Pelisson said that the increase in visitors was helped by the opening of Space Mountain.  
Note:- The park is holding a Grand 5th Anniversary Event on April 12th so expect the park to be very busy that day.

- ☺ A theme park is being built on the site of a £3 billion nuclear reactor which was never allowed to begin operating in Kalkar, Germany.

### Egypt

- ☺ Dreamland, Egypt's first theme park is on schedule to open in June this year. The new £80 million park near Cairo will open with two Vekoma steel coasters, a log flume and rapids and a dark ride.

### Asia

- ☺ The Tussauds Group is to build what it claims to be the largest theme park in South East Asia. The £175 million park will be near Bangkok in Thailand and is due to open in 1999.

### USA

- ☺ Sea World in California is to open a new ride called Wild Arctic. The ride will start with a simulated helicopter journey which takes visitors into an Arctic research centre designed to look like the hull of a wrecked 19th century ship.

- ☺ New York - New York Hotel and Casino has opened in Las Vegas. The entire complex is a recreation of the real New York's famous Manhattan Skyline. And situated behind a replica of the Statue Of Liberty is the Manhattan Express. A £20 million giant steel looping roller coaster, that circles the entire complex. Designed and built by Japanese company Togo, the coaster is 203 feet tall, 4,777 feet long and reaches speeds of over 67mph. Trains are shorter than usual being just 16 seaters. There are five of these and they are themed to look like New York Taxi Cabs! In the first week of operation a reported 70,000 riders experienced Manhattan Express (at \$5.00 a go!)

- ☺ Darien Lake in New York State, is opening a Vekoma inverted coaster this season. The ride will be named Mind Eraser.

- ☺ Six Flags Fiesta Texas is adding the Roadrunner

Express mine train coaster for the new season. The Arrow Dynamics coaster will be heavily themed around the cartoon character it is named after. This includes riding in an Acme rocket train which passes through the Acme Warehouse full of Wile E. Coyote's catching gadgets! Also encountered during the ride are boulders trying to crush the train and shooting water. The coaster will be 2400 feet long, 73 feet high and feature a tunnel.

- ☺ Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta are opening a B&M inverter this season. Keeping in line with all other Six Flags parks the ride will be named Batman. Also their famous Mindbender will be re-named (with a Batman theme) to blend in with the newly themed area.

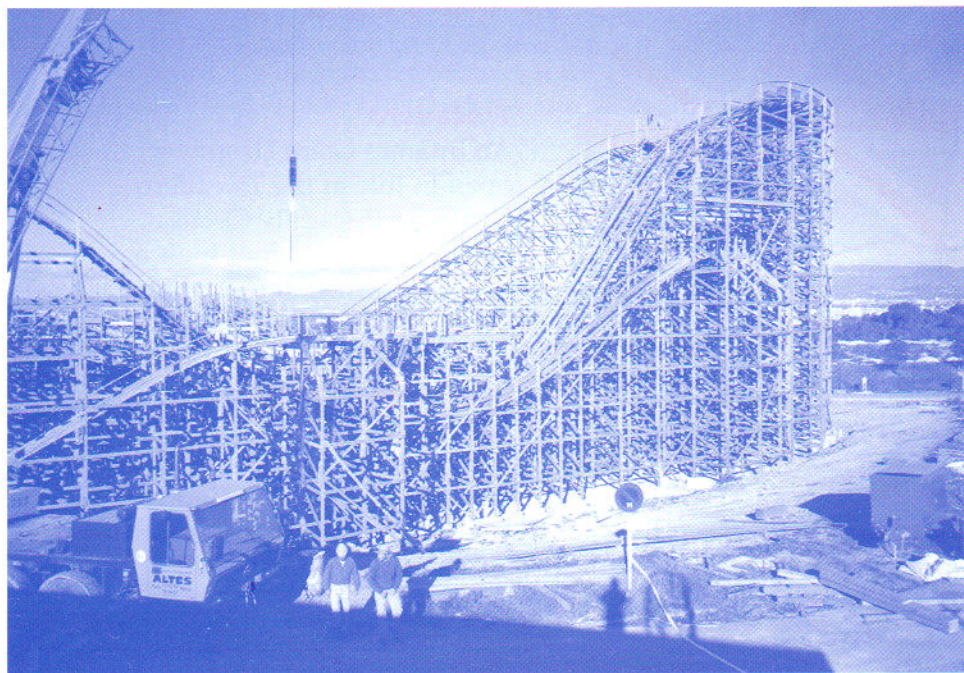
- ☺ Due to financial problems caused by its poor location and lack of hotel rooms, the Stratosphere Tower in Las Vegas has filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. The Space Shot and High Roller situated on the roof of the 1100 foot high hotel remain open.

- ☺ Six Flags Astroworld in Houston is adding a Giant Drop free fall named Dungeon Drop.



## Port Aventura Update

As of Saturday 1st March, the right hand track of the new wooden racer Stampeda had a successful test run, with the train running incredibly fast and actually making it back to the station in its first run. Cutsom Coasters' Denise Dinn-Larrick enthused "It is the most exciting ride I've ever been on". The left hand lane is due to be tested week commencing March 10th. The Tomahawk kiddie coaster is fully tested and is running very fast. It is reported to have a remarkable first drop. Full riders report in next the issue of AIRtime.



The first drop of Stampeda. The bottom of the drop is well below ground level.

## 1997 OPENING DATES AND PRICES

### Alton Towers

Daily from 15th March - 2nd November  
Price- £18.50 Adult £14.50 Child

### Camelot Theme Park

Daily from 22nd March - 2nd November  
Price- £12.99

### Drayton Manor Park

Daily from 22nd March - 26th October  
Price- £9.50 Adult £6.50 Child

### Lightwater Valley

Weekends to 26th May.  
Daily from 26th May - 7th September  
Weekends to 26th October  
Price- £10.95 Adult

### Oakwood

Daily from 22nd March - 28th September  
Price- £9.45 Adult £8.45 Child

### Pleasurewood Hills

Weekends until 15th May  
Daily from 17th May - 21 September  
Weekends until 2nd November  
Price- £9.95

### Barry Island Pleasure Park

Weekends all year  
Daily all summer  
Price- £6.00 ticket book

### Rhyl Amusement Park

Daily from March 22nd - 7th September  
Price- varies

### Pleasureland, Southport

Weekends to Spring Bank Holiday  
Daily Spring Bank Holiday - September  
Weekends to 5th November  
Price- £9.00 Wristband

### Frontierland, Morecambe

Weekends in March  
Daily from Spring Bank Holiday  
Weekends in September & October  
Price- £8.00-£10.00 Adult

### Flamingoland, Malton

Daily from 23rd March - 28th September  
Weekends in October  
Price- £9.50

### Peter Pans, Southend

Daily from 24th March - 14th September  
Price- £7.00

### Pleasure Beach, Great Yarmouth

Weekends from 22nd March  
Daily from 24th May - 28th September  
Price- Varies

### Fantasy Island, Skegness

Weekends until 27th April  
Daily from 3rd May - 2nd November  
Price- Varies, pay per ride

### Chessington World Of Adventures

Daily from 22nd March - 2nd November  
Price- £17.50 Adults £10.75 Child

### Flambards Village

Daily from 26th March - 2nd October  
Price- £4.60

### Legoland, Windsor

Daily from 21st March - 28th September  
Price- TBA

### Thorpe Park

Daily from 22nd March - 2nd November  
Price- £15.75 Adult £12.95 Child

### Dreamland, Margate

Daily from March - 2nd November  
Price- Free admission, wristbands £12.00 & £8.00

### Brighton Palace Pier

Open all year  
Price- Varies

### Brean Leisure Park

Weekends from Easter  
Daily from 24th May - 1st Oct  
Price- Varies, pay per ride

### Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Weekends in March  
Daily from Easter - 2nd November  
Price- Varies, pay per ride

*Date and prices are for guide only.  
Please telephone the parks for more details.  
Prices shown do not include Club membership card offers. E&OE*



# Home News



## Segaworld

London's Segaworld at Piccadilly Circus has changed its pricing policy. The admission fee has been reduced to £2.00 with all rides and attractions now being charged extra. These vary between £2.00 and £3.00 per ride.

## Legoland

Despite saying that they would never install one, Legoland in Windsor is adding a family roller coaster. The steel tracked coaster will be 40 feet high and will have two lift hills.

In its first year Legoland attracted over 1.4 million visitors.

## Trocadero

An Intamin Giant Drop is set to open in July at the Trocadero Centre in Piccadilly Circus, London. The 125 foot high new generation freefall will be the first ever indoor model.

## Lightwater Valley

Tens of millions of pounds are to be invested in Lightwater Valley. The aim is to create a Centre Parc's style attraction with around 50 log cabins and 100 static caravans being installed. Also added will be a swimming pool with water slides all enclosed in a glass dome.

## Alton Towers

Opening this season on the old Thunder Looper site is Ripsaw. A heavily themed Huss Top Spin (Ramases Revenge style ride). Also opening on the same site is The Blade. This is a re-themed

Huss Pirate Ship, which has been moved from its current site near the Black Hole to make way for a world first in 1998. Future issues of AIRtime will be carrying regular updates of this amazing new ride.

## Dreamland

Britains biggest big wheel may soon be sold. The 185foot tall Vekoma wheel opened in Margate in the early 80's and has dominated the resorts skyline ever since. Managing Director Colin Dawson said "We are continuing to develop the park and are looking for new attractions and need the space occupied by the big wheel to house them."

## Cadbury World

A new car-based ride is open at Cadbury World in Birmingham. The ride lasts five minutes and riders experience various chocolate scenes during the journey.

## TOP ATTENDANCES 1996

For the fourth year running Alton Towers has retained its position as the top paid-for tourist attraction. Approximately 2.7 million people visited the park last year. Second was Madame Tussaud's in London with just under 2.7 million visitors and third was the Tower of London with 2.5 million. Chessington World of Adventures moved up from sixth place to fourth.

Top free-entry tourist attraction was once again Blackpool Pleasure Beach with more than 7.3 million visitors. Figures indicate that there was a 2% growth in overall visits and spending rose to £1.1bn. An increase of 6% on the previous year.

US figures show Disneyland, California at number one with 15 million visitors, followed by Disney World, Florida with 13.8 million. Attendances in America continue to rise with an estimated 160 million people visiting the top 50 US parks.

## MBE

## CONGRATULATIONS

Teddy Askey, a long serving employee of Blackpool Pleasure Beach has been honoured with an MBE for his services to Tourism. He has worked at the Pleasure Beach since 1958 and has been the driver of the Pleasure Beach Express since 1961.

## The Ups and Downs of a Coaster Designer!

Due to start on BBC 1 this month is a new four part drama series based on the professional career of Nemesis Designer John Wardley.

'Have Your Cake' tells the story of a roller coaster designer's turbulent bigamous sex life. However, John would like to stress that the character in question (Sam Dawson) is not in any way modelled on him personally! He added "The writers were looking for a career which would be fun and interesting to the viewers, and which gave the character a reason to travel from home to unusual places in the course of work. I helped write the script and act as an advisor to the Director during actual filming" Sequences were filmed on location at Chessington World of Adventures and Port Aventura. Of interest to members will be a sequence which recreates the very first run of the multi-inversion steelie Dragon Khan.



## SKY COASTER LOCATIONS & HEIGHTS

In issue one I reported on Sky Coasters. Below is the most up to date list of all current installations worldwide and their heights in feet. As you will see, when the Oakwood one opens in the Summer it will be 140 feet high making this the highest in the world outside the Americas. Many thanks to Mike Daniels at Sky Fun 1, Inc. for his help with the list.

### USA

The Track Recreation Center, Gulf Shores, AL	100
Paramount's Great America, Santa Clara, CA	173
Pharaoh's Lost Kingdom, Redlands, CA	100
Six Flags Magic Mountain, Valencia, CA	173
Elitch Gardens, Denver, CO	173
Air Sports Unlimited, Inc., Orlando, FL	100
Future Fun II, Daytona Beach, FL	90
Leap of Faith, Destin, FL	130
Super Speed Fun Park, Panama City Beach, FL	130
Thrill Rides, Inc., Dania, FL	180
Thrill Tech Inc., Fayetteville, GA	100
Six Flags over Georgia, Atlanta, GA	173
Six Flags Great America, Gurnee, IL	125
Indiana Beach, Inc., Monticello, IN	100
Old Indiana Fun Park, Thorntown, IN	113
Playland, Wichita, KS	100
Riverside Park, Agawam, MA	113
Seacoast Park, Wyndham, ME	100
Valley Fair, Shakopee, MN	180
Ozark Mountain Skycoaster, Branson, MO	100
Six Flags Mid-America, St. Louis, MO	173
F&L Amusements, Osage Beach, MO	100
Worlds of Fun, Kansas City, MO	180
Emerald Pointe Waterpark, Greensboro, NC	113
Paramount's Carowinds, Charlotte, NC	173
Up, Up & Away - Steel Pier, Atlantic City, NJ	100
Up, Up & Away - Morey's Pier, Wildwood, NJ	100
Darien Lake, Darien Center, NY	180
MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV	250
Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH	173
Paramount's Kings Island, Cincinnati, OH	173
Frontier City, Oklahoma City, OK	100
Thrillville, USA, Turner, OR	100
Kennywood Amusement Park, Pittsburgh, PA	180

SkyRider, Inc, Myrtle Beach, SC	100
Leap Of Faith Tennessee, Pigeon Forge, TN	70
Naskart Raceway & Fun Center, Bristol, TN	100
Opryland, Nashville, TN	173
Fun Adventures, South Padre Island, TX	100
Six Flags Fiesta Texas, San Antonio, TX	173
Six Flags Astroworld, Houston, TX	173
Six Flags Over Texas, Arlington, TX	173
Fun Adventures, Dallas, TX	100
Six Flags Wet 'N Wild, Arlington, TX	180
Lagoon, Farmington, UT	173
Skycoaster, Virginia Beach, VA	130
Paramount's Kings Dominion, Doswell, VA	173
Extreme World, Lake Delton, WI	100

### REST OF WORLD

Playland, Sao Paulo, Brazil	180
Paramount's Canada's Wonderland, Ontario, Canada	173
Skycoast Entertainment, Inc., Nicosia, Cyprus	100
Al-Shalom, Kuwait City, Kuwait	180
Divertido, Mexico City, Mexico	100
Inmobiliaria, Cancun, Mexico	180
Tusenfyrd, Oslo, Norway	100
Athletic World, Aichi, Japan	100
Biwako Tower, Biwako Lake, (Osaka), Japan	100
Kijima Amusement Park, Beppu City, Japan	100
Mitsui Greenland, Iwamizawa, Japan	100
Portopia Land, Kobe, Japan	100
Tokyo Summerland, Hachioji, Japan	100
Sky Bourne, Blackpool, U.K.	100
Oakwood Leisure Amusement Park, Wales, U.K.	140



WE MAKE AMUSEMENT PARKS AMAZING!!

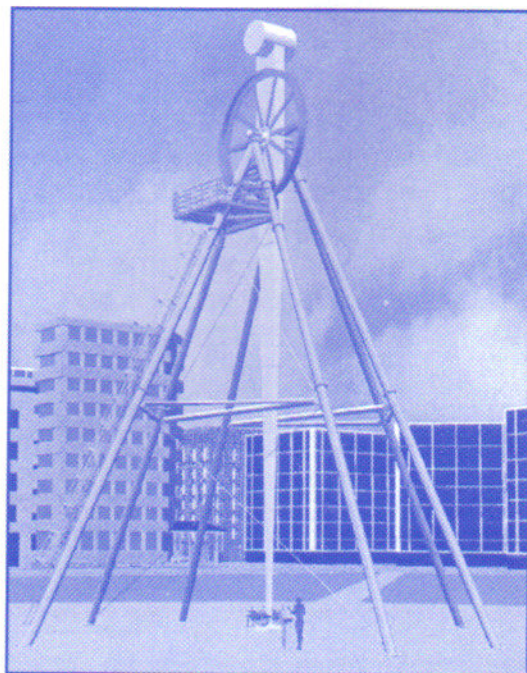
Arrow Dynamics has launched its 'Ultimate Thrill' machine- The new Dive Bomber.

With a structure of 91 feet high and a top turn of 142 feet, the four seater car reaches speeds of 65mph.

Riders sit in seats in a horizontal, face-up position.

An overhead restraint is placed on the rider and the ride begins by bringing the riders up head-first in an arcing rotation. When they reach the top of the ride (180 degrees) they are in a face-down position. The car then drops in a head-first circular free fall arc, with riders experiencing 4G's.

No installations have yet been announced.







# QUEUE LINE

## Gossip

### EUROPE

#### Pinfari

Negotiations are underway between Pinfari and un-named customer for a prototype version of the Italian Coaster Company's new double loop coaster.

### UK

#### National Lottery

A mega-rich Asian family have applied for a huge Lottery grant to build a theme park near Peterborough. Head of the Family, Strichand Hinduja, Britains 8th wealthiest person, is hoping to be given £50 million of the £100 million costs. The Peterborough Council has described the project as "a considerable tourist attraction".

The request is thought to have a good chance of success, but any grant would be controversial because of the families wealth.

#### Royal Yacht Britannia

Pop star Michael Jackson has made a £25 million offer for the regal Yacht so that he can convert it into a floating headquarters for his proposed Kingdom Network of worldwide theme parks! The Ministry Of Defence with whom the matter rests are reported to be 'not amused'!

#### Metroland

The relaunch of the Mad Motorway kiddie coaster at Metroland, Newcastle didn't quite go as planned. The weight of 24 adult VIP's was too much for the ride and it got stuck 25 feet off the ground.

A crane was bought in to rescue the overweight riders!

#### Thorpe Park

Major improvements have been taking place throughout the winter to improve the sound effects and smoothness on X/No Way Out. Rumour has it that its like riding a whole new ride. Apart from the fact that it still stops mid-ride for the unusual jerks back and forth!

#### DISCLAIMER

*All of the rumours featured in this page are 'rumours'. The Club cannot accept responsibility for any inaccurate or untrue information. Due to the nature of the articles (and very secretive parks) it is obviously impossible to confirm the stories until parks release full details. If you hear a rumour send it to the Club address or E-mail:- rccgb@aol.com*

## Members Offers

### NEW 1997 MEMBERS T-SHIRT

A new season and a new T-shirt (with two meanings!) This white shirt is 100% cotton and features the fun slogan and logo, shown right. (Two colour print).

Available in large or extra large for just £8.00 plus £1.50 P&P. Or buy two for just £16.00 including P&P. There will only be a limited quantity available so order early.

#### COASTER RIDERS love



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To order send cheque payable to 'RCCGB' to:-

'RCCGB', PO Box 235, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB10 0TF

Mark your envelope 'T-SHIRT'. T-shirts will be sent within four weeks of your order.



Visit the Pleasure Beach at Great Yarmouth this season, show your membership card in the General Office and for every two bags of £5.00 tokens you purchase you will receive 5 free ride tickets (valued up to £10.00). There is no limit to the amount you can purchase and the offer runs from March 22nd - September 28th. Call the park for full opening dates and times.

#### FUNNY FONE CALL!

Me "Hello RCCGB"  
 Caller "Can you send me some information on how to join?"  
 Me "Certainly, where shall I send it?"  
 Caller "To me"  
 Me. "And where are you?"  
 Caller "In my house" (A Genuine Call!)



# Members Page

## AMUSEMENT PARK JOBS

Ever wanted to work in a park? Below is a selection of jobs available at most parks and a brief outline of the responsibilities. Most jobs in parks are seasonal and because of the nature of the business, staff will probably work various shifts, weekdays and bank holidays. Working for a park will mean that you are playing a part in the success of that park. You can develop technical and interpersonal skills and will have many benefits. These could include, complimentary entry (on days off), uniform, discounts on merchandise, staff parties and the opportunity to meet many people and make new friends.

**Admission Staff:-** Responsibilities include main gate ticket sales and collection, group sales, and season pass issue.

**Parking Staff:-** Directing guest vehicles to appropriate areas and keeping parking traffic flowing.

**Information/Guest Relations:-** Distributing literature (park maps, show times, etc), helping with general park information, answering all sorts of questions, giving out RCCGB application forms, recommending rides, etc.

**Groundskeeping:-** Ensure the upkeep of the park. Possible litter collection, grass cutting, etc.

**Restaurants/fast food:-** Preparing food, waiting, serving, cashier, bar staff, etc.

**Entertainment:-** Costume characters, shows (both participating or on the technical side, lighting, sound, etc)

**Merchandise:-** The shops! Serving, stock control, cashier, etc.

**Arcades/side stalls:-** Extensive visitor interaction. Cash handling, repairs, etc.

**Rides:-** After training, operating loading and unloading of rides, safety, operation and queue control.

**Maintenance:-** Maintaining buildings and rides. Could be carpenters, painters, mechanics, etc. Experience is probably required for this area.

**Security:-** Safety and protection of visitors and staff.

**Administration:-** Marketing, PR, secretaries, etc. Not many seasonal jobs though.

The above is just a small guide and obviously varies from park to park. If you are interested in working for a park write to their Personnel Department for more information.

## EURO COASTER TOUR

I had hoped to bring you a Parc Asterix trip in May, but unfortunately due to circumstances beyond the Club's control this trip has been postponed until September. However I will now be able to offer you a much better trip by joining the Parc Asterix trip with Port Aventura and Tibidabo. A Euro Coaster Tour! Provisional plans include luxury coach leaving London late Thursday 25th. Ferry/Tunnel overnight and drive to Port Aventura. Hotel Friday night, full day in park on Saturday. Same hotel, then Sunday in Barcelona (Tibidabo). Hotel Sunday night, travel some of Monday and hotel. Tuesday in Parc Asterix, return to London Wednesday afternoon. No prices yet, but full details will be sent as soon as possible. There will also be an option to meet the group at Port Aventura, if you wish to fly or are already on holiday in the area.

## VISITING FLORIDA?

If you intend to visit Florida this year look out for the new Vacation Value Pass. The pass allows unlimited entry into four major parks:- Universal Studios, Busch Gardens, Sea World and Wet 'n' Wild. The pass costs \$94.95 for five days or \$125.95 for seven days. There is no limit to the amount of times you can visit each park over the five or seven days. In fact you could visit all four parks in one day if you wanted to!

### DID YOU KNOW

Walt Disney World in Florida covers 43 square miles. And of that only 5,900 acres have been developed!

## Thank You

Thank you to all those who attended the first ever Club pantomime 'Aladdin'. The show proved to be a great success with comments like these soon after:-

*"Thanks for a memorable Club event"*

Kevin Sudds, Mitcham, Surrey

*"Can I book a seat for next year"*

Greg Pearn, Cheadle, Cheshire

*"It was great to meet everyone, even though there was no coaster riding"*

Michael Bolton, Billericay, Essex

*"My family and I had a wonderful time...oh yes we did!"*

John Ash, Canvey Island, Essex

*"A superb production and a great way to start 1997."*

David Dowson, Alton, Hampshire

The after show party went extremely well and the 150 members who attended broke the Theatre Bar Takings record by parting with just over £500! This doubled the previous Theatre record!

The raffle also proved successful and £100 was raised for the local Special Care Baby Unit at Hillingdon Hospital. First prize was a signed (by John Wardley) and framed set of Port Aventura's Stampede plans was won by Karen Sargeant from Bracknell, Berkshire. Second prize of a set of aerial photographs of Custom Coasters woodies went to Dave Ellis from Lowestoft, Suffolk and third prize, a selection of Port Aventura goodies was won by Julie Gunning from London. All three winners also received Blackpool and Southport ride tickets.



## CONGRATULATIONS

This issue I have the pleasure of saying 'congratulations' to four members who have got engaged. Member David Haigh from Halifax, met member Helen Spedding from Poulton-Le-Fylde on a Club trip and proposed to her in Blackpool Pleasure Beach car park! It would have been on The Big One but rain stopped play! And London member Trevor Kersley met fellow London member Gisela Hambloch at Loopathon '96 and got engaged at the Club pantomime, oh no they didn't, oh yes they did!!



# Editors Comment

A new coaster season is upon us and the start of the first full year for the *new* Roller Coaster Club of Great Britain. I hope you have received your membership card and will be able to make use of some of the offers. More will be added throughout the year.

If you haven't yet booked your Oakwoodie trip or Blackpool Bash you still have time. Remember the Blackpool Bash is one of the highlights of the coaster calendar. If you haven't been before come along and find out what you've been missing. There's a new style quiz this year that everyone can take part in. There will be spot prizes and various challenges and you will have a great time!

My apologies for the delay in the Parc Asterix Trip. I hope the new version, with the addition of Port Aventura and Tibidabo will more than make up for it.

With regards to AIRtime, those of you who are more eagle eyed will have noticed that I have shifted the publication date by a month. This is because of the extra workload and time involved at the start of the year with membership renewals and trip planning, making it impossible to give the time required for AIRtime. All future issues will be published as follows:- Mar/Apr, May/Jun, July/Aug, Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb. The Jan/Feb issue will be the final issue of the membership year and will include your renewal form. I am now starting to work on the first *Club Yearbook*. If you have anything you would like included- funny photo's, stories, profiles, crosswords, etc., please start sending them in.

In the next issue I will be printing the results of the survey part of your renewal form. Early figures show some interesting changes and you may be surprised. Will the top woodie be the Grand National or Megafobia? Will Nemesis beat the Big One? Is the top park Alton Towers or someone else? Look out in the next issue for full results.

Finally then, enjoy the start of the season and I look forward to meeting you on one of the forthcoming Club trips.

## It's a Date!

*Make a note in your diary of forthcoming Club events in the 1997 season. Full details will be sent to you in good time.*



March 22nd 1997  
**OAKWOODIE '97**

Last chance to book for the first trip of the season. TWO hours of exclusive ride sessions (ERS) on the world class woodie, Megafobia and full day in the park for just £10.00.

Booking Deadline:- March 16th

April 26th & 27th 1997  
**BLACKPOOL BASH '97**

Two action packed days of fun! BPB & Pleasureland, Southport ERS's on The Big One & Grand National, *all new* "all take part" Quiz, Club party, ERS on Cyclone (with backward riding), Fun House & more!  
Booking Deadline:- April 7th

### Other Trips

May 17th -

June 2nd-19th -

September 6th -

Pleasure Beach Great Yarmouth.

USA '97 (Fully Booked)

Loopathon '97. Alton Towers (possible day two at American Adventure World)

September 26th-30th (P)Euro Ventura. Port Aventura, Tibidabo

& Parc Asterix. Coach from London, plus 'meet at Port Aventura' option.

November 1st & 2nd(P) End Of Season Bash (incorporating the Halloween Ball. At BPB and Drayton Manor Park.

(P) = Provisional

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